Mid-term appraisal of Tenth Plan

1202. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Plan, the plan outlays were lower by about two percent of the GDP of both the Centre and the States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to mobilise the resources required for completion of the programmes other than the borrowing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount needed to complete the projects under the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Mid-term appraisal to the Tenth Five Year Plan has lowered the Plan outlay for both the Centre and the States by 1.1 per cent of GDP as compared to the original target. This reduction is consequent upon the lowering of the GDP growth target from 8.1% in the Tenth Plan Document to 7% in the Mid-Term Appraisal.

(c) The steps to mobilize resources other than borrowing are outlined in the Mid-Term Appraisal Document. They include, *inter alia,* increase in the Gross tax to GDP ratio at the Centre, improvement in the State Own Tax Revenue and cutting down the non-plan expenditure of both the Centre and the State Governments.

(d) The outlay targeted for the remainder of the Tenth Plan is about 11.3% of GDP.

Rise in employment

1203. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per recently released census figures the number of employed youths has gone up considerably during the last ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have drawn up any contingent plan to create fresh employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Number of main workers in age groups 15—34 years as per demographic census 1991 and 2001 are given below:

Table: Main Workers (15—34 years age) Enumerated in Census 1991 and 2001.

Age-group	1991	2001
15-19	24764448	20642416
20-24	36310428	35442698
25-29	40400560	42269247
30-34	36603173	42049980

It may be seen that the number of main workers, enumerated, in census in age-groups 15-19 and 20-24 has decreased by 4.12 million and 0.87 million respectively, and in age groups 25-29 and 30-34, it increased by 1.87 million and 5.45 million respectively during 1991 and 2001.

(c) Tenth Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities during 2002-07. To create employment potential, Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sectors and sub-sectors for development like agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information technology, financial sector, education and health. In addition, Government is also implementing special employment schemes like Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) for educated youth, Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (REGP) and Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), benefit of which are also available to youth.

New model for weather prediction

1204. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to switch over to new model of weather prediction and monsoon forecasting; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the new model and the country from which it would be acquired?